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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: J. GAUTIER et al.

Serial No.: 09/394,647 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: September 8, 1999

Examiners: A. Soderquist

For: AQUEOUS SOLUTION BASED  
ON AN AZO DYE, PROCESS FOR  
ITS MANUFACTURE AND USE  
THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 2988-651

New York, NY  
August 27, 2002

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reference to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2002, please enter the following remarks, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111, into the file of the above-identified application.

Attached hereto is a Petition for Extension of Time accompanied by the required fee for three (3) months to and including August 27, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are rejected and claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-20 are in the case.